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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 9788 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO HONG KONG,
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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 9788

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EUBJ: PRC-JAPANESE EXCHANGE ON KOREAS

1. DURING US-JAPAN BILATERAL PLANNING TALKS, UN/P DIV
DIRECTOR MURAKAMI IN ASIDE TO EMBOFFS SAID PRC EMBOFF
HAD CALLED ON HIM RECENTLY TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE. IN
COURSE OF CONVERSATION, CHINESE COMMENTED THAT SO LONG
AS ROK INTERNAL SITUATION REMAINED UNSTABLE, NORTH KOREA
WOULD ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE AND REMAIN UNWILLING TO
EASE TENSIONS WITH ROK.

2. MURAKAMI COMMENTED THAT THOUGH SUCH CONTACTS
FREQUENT AT UN (HIS LAST POST), PRC ONLY RARELY DISCUSSED
THIRD COUNTRY SUBJECTS IN TOKYO. FURTHERMORE, HE WAS
STRUCK BY CHINESE OBJECTIVITY AND CANDOR ON THIS ISSUE.

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INCIDENTALLY, HE CONTINUED, ALL POLITICAL OFFICERS IN

PRC EMBASSY TOKYO SPEAK "SERVICEABLE" JAPANESE.

3. COMMENT: PRC COMMENT IS AT VARIANCE WITH STANDARD PEKING PUBLIC LINE ON KOREAS, BUT REFLECTS BASIC CHINESE INTEREST IN STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA.

4. WE AWARE FROM FONOFF CONTACTS THAT CHINESE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED KHMER ISSUE RECENTLY WITH JAPANESE EMBOFFS NOT ONLY IN UN BUT IN PEKING AS WELL. REGARD WORKING-LEVEL CONVERSATIONS ON THIRD COUNTRY SUBJECTS IN TOKYO AND PEKING AS EVIDENCE THAT SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONSHIP BROADENING BEYOND RELATIVELY NARROW BILATERAL FOCUS WHICH HAS PERTAINED SO FAR. END COMMENT. HODGSON UNQTE KISSINGER

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